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**SECOND RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The present Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed October 24, 2003 and is provided in the Revised Amendment Format as published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003. The Revised Amendment Format waives certain requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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